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DOHA TALKS TO BEGIN MAY 17  
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1. (SBU) Lebanese leaders will leave Beirut at 1530 local time in separate planes; a third plane will transport journalists. The delegations are expected to arrive in Doha in the evening. Formal discussions will begin May 17 and will address government composition and the electoral law. Hizballah arms will not be discussed until after the presidential election planned for June 10. (Ops/Embassy Beirut telcon and e-mail)

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DRUZE LEADERS HOLD TALKS IN CHOUF MOUNTAINS  
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2. (SBU) MP Jumblatt held a joint press conference with former MP Talal Arslan regarding Jumblatt's visit to the

Chouf Mountains. Jumblatt expressed condolences to families of victims of the May 7 violence and stressed the importance of dialogue and "communal living."  
(Ops/Embassy Beirut telcon, naharnet.com, NOWLebanon.com)

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BEIRUT AIRPORT REMAINS OPEN AMID PEACEFUL PROTESTS  
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¶3. (SBU) Embassy Beirut reports that BIA is open and operating "as usual." Protestors have gathered on the airport road, hoisting banners addressed to Lebanese politicians that read "if you don't agree, don't return," media reports. (Ops/Embassy Beirut telcon, NOWLebanon.com)

¶4. (U) Minimize considered.  
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